

# Parents' National Educational Union.

## READING BRANCH.

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*Those marked thus \* act on the Executive.*

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THE CENTRAL PRINCIPLES of the Union to which all Local Branches joining the Society are expected to pledge themselves have been thus defined by the Central Council:

1. That a religious basis of work be maintained.
2. That the series of addresses and other means employed by the Union shall be so arranged as to deal with Education under the following heads:—Physical, Mental, Moral, and Religious.
3. That arrangements concerning Lectures, &c., be made with a view to the convenience of Fathers as well as Mothers.
4. That the work of the Union be arranged so as to help Parents of all classes.

**The Objects** of the Society have been defined thus:

1. To assist Parents of all classes to understand the best principles and methods of Education in all their aspects, and especially in those which concern the formation of habits and character.
2. To create a better public opinion on the subject of the training of children, and, with this object in view, to collect and make known the best information and experience on the subject.
3. To afford to Parents opportunities for co-operation and consultation, so that the wisdom and experience of each may be made profitable for all.
4. To stimulate their enthusiasm through the sympathy of Members acting together.
5. To secure greater unity and continuity of Education by harmonizing home and school training.

**Rules** of the Reading Branch:

1. The Subscription shall be two shillings and sixpence a year, to cover both heads of a household.
2. Subscriptions shall fall due on the First of January of each year, and shall be sent in to the Treasurer, or handed in at the next meeting following the date at which they become due.
3. Three or more meetings shall be held each year.
4. The Work of the Branch shall be carried on by a General Committee, of whom five shall form the Executive, including the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, to be elected every year at the Autumn Meeting.

As an aid to study, a Lending Library is being established for Members of this Branch, particulars of which will be found on page 4. Members possessing books on any subject connected with the work of the Union, are requested to send a list of those they are willing to lend, to the Hon. Secretary, who will make all arrangements for their loan and return.

In pursuance of the foregoing objects, the Reading Branch has been established, and numbers already 74 Members. The Society is not intended for Parents *only*: the co-operation of all persons interested in the movement is invited. New Members will be enrolled after each Meeting, or at other times by application to the Secretary.

The Secretary will be happy to receive communications from any lady or gentleman willing to read a paper on any educational subject at any of the Society's Meetings.

## REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1892-3.

The Executive Committee are glad to be able to give a very satisfactory report of the work of the Union for the past year. The following Lectures have been given:

1892, Nov. 12th. "The Teaching of Poetry," by the Rev. H. C. Beeching, at Watlington House. Chairman, the Rev. M. T. Friend.

1893, March 4th. "The Physical Education of Children," by Hastings Gilford, Esq., F.R.C.S., at the High School. Chairman, the Rev. F. T. Colson.

1893, June 3rd. "The Ethics of Punishment," by the Rev. M. T. Friend, at Oaklands. Chairman, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis.

All the meetings were well attended, and much interest was taken in the subjects treated, as was shown by the lively discussions which took place after each Lecture.

Twenty-four new members have joined during the past year, and the total number is now seventy-four.

On the suggestion of Mrs. Hart-Davis, a Lending Library has been established, and Mr. Salmon has kindly consented to act as Librarian. Books, bearing on education, the training of children, and kindred subjects, have been given or lent by Miss Anna Buckland, Miss Burgis, Miss Cunningham, the Rev. M. T. Friend, Miss L. E. Haigh, Mrs. Hart-Davis, Mrs. Royds, A. Sutton, Esq., Mrs. C. Taylor, Miss Turquand, the Honorary Secretary, and the Honorary Treasurer. The Library now contains twenty-nine books, and twenty-two have been taken out since March 4th, when it was opened. It is hoped that this branch of work will be developed, and prove of great use in furthering the aims of the Union.

The Committee deeply regret the loss of the services of Mrs. Royds, consequent on her departure from Reading. Mrs. Royds from the first took a strong interest in the Union, and was one of its founders.

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS,

FROM NOVEMBER 3RD, 1892, TO SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1893.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance (Nov. 3rd, 1892) 1 1 10	Subscription to Central Union .. .. .. 1 1 0
53 Subscriptions at 2/6 .. 6 12 6	Printing Prospectuses .. .. .. 16 9
	Printing Notices .. .. .. 16 0
	Stationery .. .. .. 2 2
	Postage .. .. .. 8 0
	Balance in hand .. .. .. 4 10 5
£7 14 4	£7 14 4

A. H. CUNNINGHAM, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct, E. C. MORRIS.

The Subscription (2/6) for 1894, due January 1st, should be paid to the Hon. Treasurer, the Rev. A. H. Cunningham.

Copies of this paper can be had on application to the Hon. Secretary.

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## LENDING LIBRARY.

**Rules.**

1. Members shall be entitled to borrow books for a period not exceeding six weeks, but are requested to return them earlier if possible.
2. Books can be obtained of and should be returned to the Hon. Secretary, at 54, London Street, or at the Meetings.

## LIST OF BOOKS.

No.	Name of Book.	Author.
1.	Arnold's Life .. .. .. .. ..	Stanley.
2.	Child and Child Nature .. .. .. .. ..	Baroness M. Bülow.
3.	Choosing a Calling .. .. .. .. ..	A. Collings.
4.	Common Sense Clothing .. .. .. .. ..	Mrs. Barnett.
5.	Education .. .. .. .. ..	Herbert Spencer.
6.	First Three Years of Childhood .. .. .. .. ..	Perez.
7.	Happiness of Childhood .. .. .. .. ..	Miss Buckland.
8.	Health at School .. .. .. .. ..	C. Dukes.
9.	Health in the House .. .. .. .. ..	Buckton.
10.	Health Lectures .. .. .. .. ..	Edinburgh Society.
11.	Hints on Education .. .. .. .. ..	Hoare.
12.	Home Education .. .. .. .. ..	Miss Mason.
13.	Our Nurseries and Schoolrooms .. .. .. .. ..	E. Hooper.
14.	Our Sons .. .. .. .. ..	A. King.
15.	Parents Review (Volume 1) .. .. .. .. ..	Edited by Miss Mason
16.	Physiology of Nature .. .. .. .. ..	Lagrange.
17.	Principles of Physiology .. .. .. .. ..	A. Combe.
18.	Thoughts on Education .. .. .. .. ..	Locke.
19.	Making of the Home .. .. .. .. ..	Mrs. Barnett.
20.	Mary Osborne .. .. .. .. ..	Jacob Abbott.
21.	Power through Repose .. .. .. .. ..	A. P. Call.
22.	Christian Home Life .. .. .. .. ..	
23.	Famous Boys.. .. .. .. ..	
24.	Home Education .. .. .. .. ..	Miss Mason.
25.	The Object of Life .. .. .. .. ..	
26.	Experimental Education .. .. .. .. ..	
27.	Mothers in Council .. .. .. .. ..	
28.	Early Influences .. .. .. .. ..	
29.	Hand-work v. Head-work .. .. .. .. ..	Bülow.

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SUGGESTIONS TO

SECRETARIES OF BRANCHES

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*Central Office :*

26, VICTORIA STREET, LONDON, S.W.

1901.

Suggestions to Secretaries of Branches.



THE experience of some ten or twelve years has led the Executive Committee of the P.N.E.U. to regard the following points as being of especial value in the working of a Branch :—

1. Branches should endeavour, in every possible way, to be in touch with the Union as a whole, and to keep before their members the true educational principles for the furtherance of which the Union exists.
2. The most practical method of imbuing members with a knowledge of these principles is to make them acquainted with :—
  - a. "Home Education" and "Parents and Children," by Miss C. M. Mason.
  - b. Mrs. Clement Parsons' Pamphlet on "The Principles and Objects of the Union," to be obtained at the Office, 26 Victoria Street. Price 6d.
  - c. "The Parents' Review": including bound volumes, to be obtained from the Library.
3. Secretaries should do all in their power to secure as Members of Committee those who have really at heart the objects of the Union, so that the responsibility—and sometimes the very existence—of the Branch may not depend upon themselves alone. In order to arrange the programme, etc., it is not, as a rule, necessary to hold more than two Committee Meetings in the year, but each Member of Committee should feel it incumbent upon him to help the Secretary by attending the monthly lectures, etc. In some cases Members of Committee may, of course, be unable to do this; and a certain proportion who cannot give time for active work may be elected simply because their names inspire confidence in the neighbourhood. It is often a good plan to make use of young Members and their friends as assistant Secretaries, for clerical help, etc.

4. The Secretaries should, when possible, visit the Office at 26, Victoria Street, and become acquainted with the Secretary and Hon. Organizing Secretaries. They should thoroughly master the details of the various organizations of the Union, so that they may be able to make them known to the Members. These organizations are :—
  - a. The Library.
  - b. The "Parents' Review School."
  - c. The "Mothers' Educational Course."
  - d. The "House of Education."
  - e. The Conference.
5. If any serious difficulty should arise in the working of a Branch the Secretary ought at once to communicate with the Central Secretary, who will advise and, if necessary, make arrangements for some Member of the Executive Committee to visit and help the Branch. Timely warning may often prevent the failure of a good Branch, and according to one of the Bye-laws none are allowed to lapse without the assent of the Executive.
6. Secretaries should be careful to send to their Members all notices of the Conference, etc., immediately they receive them from the Central Office; and to encourage Members to send up suggestions to the Conference Committee. They are advised, if possible, themselves to attend the Annual Conference, so as to become really inspired with the "true inwardness" of the Union.  
The Conference Committee are always glad to arrange hospitality for Country Members during the week, and all are made most welcome.
7. Secretaries ought to apply to the Central Secretary for parcels containing specimen Reviews, Leaflets and Reports, which should always be displayed on the chairs at Meetings. A list of pamphlets for sale will be found at the end of these suggestions; these ought to be on sale at every Meeting. It is advisable to induce local booksellers to take the "Parents' Review" (on "sale or return,") and so to make it known amongst their customers.

8. At all Meetings the working of the Union should be explained to Non-Members, who should be given the opportunity of joining.  
Notices of forthcoming Lectures should also be sent to the local Press.
9. A list of Lecturers is supplied from the Office, but Secretaries are advised, when possible, to secure their own Lecturers. Most neighbourhoods can boast of people who, in a professional or private capacity, have much that is valuable to say on the training and teaching of children. The existence of a Branch is often the first means of bringing such thought to light, and thus, as the Union grows, the sum total of living educational thought is added to. It must be borne in mind, however, and impressed on Members, that each individual Lecturer speaks as an individual, and that the opinions expressed may not necessarily be those of the Union. Every care should be exercised that Lecturers are chosen who, even if they are not of great fame, have no especial fad to preach, but have true education at heart.
10. Much assistance may be given in the working of the Union as a whole, by Branch Secretaries sending to the Secretary at 26, Victoria Street, all particulars as to fees, etc., of any Lecturer likely to be willing to lecture for other Branches.
11. When sending out their programmes to Members, Branch Secretaries are asked to send *four* copies to the Central Office, and *one* to every other Branch Secretary.
12. Secretaries are asked to send notices of forthcoming Lectures and reports of past Lectures, *without fail*, to the Secretary, at the Central Office, before the 15th of each month, for insertion in "P.N.E.U. Notes" of the next issue of the "Parents' Review."
13. So that dates may not clash, Secretaries are advised to consult with neighbouring Secretaries when arranging programmes, also to occasionally arrange for joint Lectures and the sharing of travelling expenses of the Lecturer.
14. It is never desirable for any Branch to become identified with any school or teacher, though all teachers are welcome as Members, and the teaching profession should, where possible, be represented on the Committee.

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15. When Members resign on account of change of neighbourhood, Secretaries should put them in touch with the Central Secretary, who will draft them to the nearest Branch. Members can derive great benefit even if they only subscribe direct to the Central and have not the advantages of a Branch in their immediate vicinity. For example, each member would—
  1. Receive a monthly copy of the "Parents' Review."
  2. Form part of a corporate body, and would receive notices of all new departures and organizations of the Union.
  3. Have the free use of the Educational Library kept at the Office, 26, Victoria Street, S.W. (Catalogue, price 4d. Appendix 1901, price 1d.)
  4. Have the opportunity of attending Lectures of any Branch in the neighbourhood of which they may at any time find themselves.
16. It is, on the whole, best, when possible, to arrange for the monthly lectures in private houses. Each hostess can enlarge the circle by inviting her own friends, who then frequently join the Union.
 

It is important to make the Chairman (or Chairwoman) somewhat acquainted beforehand with the work of the Branch, so that he may wisely invite and lead discussion. As a rule it is best to reserve the Chairman's chief speech till after the Lecture.

The hours of Lectures must, of course, depend on the requirements of the locality. It is often well to vary the hour. An occasional semi-social Conversazione, combined with a Lecture, either indoors or in a garden, has been found of use in various Branches.

Secretaries are recommended to make use of the experience of other Secretaries in such matters, and to write as often as they like to the Central Office for advice and help.
17. Secretaries are reminded that Members of one Branch, are, *ipso facto*, Members of all, and can attend Lectures of other Branches by writing for tickets.

18. Ex-Students of the "House of Education" are Life Members of the Union. Secretaries would do well to ascertain if there are any in their neighbourhood, as they may often be able to give assistance in Natural History work, talks to Nurses, etc.

19. Besides monthly lectures, Secretaries should endeavour to interest their Members by arranging from time to time :—

- Lectures (either single or consecutive) to children's Nurses.—Dr. Helen Webb's 'Talk to Nurses,' (price 2d.) would form a good introduction to such a course, also Mrs. Ridge's paper on "Nursery Discipline," in the "Parents' Review," July, 1901. Some chapters in "Home Education," and the end of "Parents and Children," would also be of much help to anyone in arranging such talks. They should deal with the moral as well as the physical training of children.
- Reading Circles.—At these Miss Mason's books and back numbers of the "Review" might be read and discussed.
- Natural History rambles for children.
- Classes for Brush-Drawing and other handiwork should the needs of the neighbourhood require it.
- Talks to working Mothers, etc.

Secretaries should endeavour to ascertain if any of their Members are willing to pass on the knowledge gained at Lectures and elsewhere by giving Addresses at Mother's Meetings, Girls' Clubs, etc.

20. If a Lecturer should at the last moment fail to appear, Mrs. Clement Parson's pamphlet on the P.N.E.U. may be read, or, if this is known to the audience, some Lecture which has been printed in the "Review" might be utilised.

21. Branches should have, at least once in eighteen months, a Lecture dealing with the underlying principles of the Union, and with habit formation, character-training, etc.

22. A subscription of 10/- a year (5/- without "Parents' Review") has been found, on the whole to be best, though local Branches may make their own arrangements.

For this subscription the following advantages are offered to Members :—

- Lectures and Classes (as per programmes).
- The free loan of books on educational subjects from the Central Library, 26, Victoria Street. It contains over 400 vols.: including several copies of "Home Education," and "Parents and Children," by Miss Mason, which Members are strongly advised to read.
- The "Parents' Review," the monthly organ of the Union.
- The Natural History Club, to promote the study of Natural History.
- "The House of Education," Ambleside, for the training of Governesses.
- "The Parents' Review School."
- "The Mothers' Educational Course."
- The Annual Conference.

The following books and pamphlets should be on sale at all Meetings :—

"Home Education," by Miss C. M. Mason.  
"Parents and Children," by Miss C. M. Mason.

The current number of the "Parents' Review."

"The Home Training of Children," by Mrs. Franklin, Hon. Organizing Secretary of the P.N.E.U. (Reprinted from the Board of Education's "Special Reports on Educational Subjects, vol. 6.) Price 2d.

"Home safeguards against Boyhood's Dangers, by the Hon. and Rev. Canon Lyttelton, Headmaster of Haileybury College. Price 1d.

Catalogue of the Library. Price 4d.  
Appendix to Catalogue, price 1d. (publ. 1901).

"History of the P.N.E.U.", by Miss Kitching,  
Sec. at the "House of Education." Price 2d.

"The Children's Quarterly," edited by the  
Committee of the Reading Natural History  
Club. Price 6d. (Apply to Reading Branch  
Secretary.)

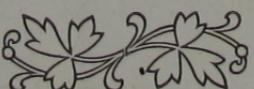
"Nature Lore and Nature Note Books," by  
Miss Hodgson, Lecturer at the "House of  
Education." Price 9d.

"The Child at Home" (2 addresses), by Mrs.  
Clement Parsons. Price 6d.

23. Secretaries are particularly asked to send their Capitation  
Fees (which is 10 per cent. per subscription for Country  
Branches, and 20 per cent. per subscription for London  
Branches) on 1st December of each year, or as soon  
after as possible. (Do not include payment for Parents'  
Review in this amount.)

They are also earnestly requested to pay to the  
Central Office all liabilities (for Parents' Reviews,  
pamphlets, etc.,) immediately the same become due.  
The Central Committee has a very small income, and  
cannot allow outstanding accounts.

24. It is the common experience of all who are intimately con-  
nected with the work of the Union, to meet with people  
full of gratitude at having been introduced to it, and  
deeply cognizant of the help they have gained from its  
teaching. Such being the case, the Central Committee  
have no hesitation in urging on all their co-workers to  
persevere in the work, take heart, and be of good  
courage.



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Suggestions for forming Branches  
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## CONSTITUTION.

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1. *Name.*—This Union shall be known as the Branch of the Parents' National Educational Union.

2.—*Principles and Objects.*—Though free to organise themselves, Local Branches shall be pledged to the Central Principles of the Society : (1) That a religious basis of work be maintained. (2) That the series of addresses and other means employed by the Union shall be so arranged as to deal with Education under the following heads : (a) Physical, (b) mental, (c) moral and spiritual. (3) That arrangements concerning Lectures, &c., be made with a view to the convenience of fathers as well as of mothers. (4) That the work of the Union be arranged to help parents of all classes.

The objects are: (1) To assist parents of all classes to understand the best principles and methods of Education in all its aspects, and especially in those which concern the formation of habits and character. (2) To create a better public opinion on the subject of the training of children, and, with this object in view, to collect and make known the best information and experience on the subject. (3) To afford to parents opportunities for Co-operation and Consultation, so that the wisdom and experience of each may be made profitable to all. (4) To stimulate their enthusiasm through the sympathy of numbers acting together. (5) To secure greater unity and continuity of Education by harmonising home and school training.

3. *Membership.*—Any parent, or other person interested in Education, may become a member by paying an Annual Subscription, fixed by the Branch.

## HOW TO ORGANIZE LOCAL BRANCH.

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If in any town or district there are even half a dozen people really interested in the work of the Union\* and anxious to form a local Branch, it is recommended that the following steps be taken:—

I.—Find someone willing to act as local Secretary *pro. tem.*

II.—Write to the Secretary at the Central Office of the Union, 26, Victoria Street, London, S.W., asking for specimen copies of the Parents' Review, Reports, Leaflets, etc., and distribute them widely by giving them to friends, and by placing them on bookstalls and bookseller's counters, etc.

III.—If a reasonable amount of interest is shown, make the following arrangements for a preliminary Meeting:

- (a.) Write to Victoria Street, asking for a suitable lecturer to explain the aims of the Union (giving choice of dates).
- (b.) Find a suitable room, either in a private house or in some school.
- (c.) Find a really interested person who will agree to take the chair.
- (d.) Send out invitations to as large a number of inhabitants as possible. These invitations are not to be confined to parents only, or to any

\* These should make themselves familiar with Miss Ch. Mason's books, Mrs. Clement Parson's pamphlet on "The Principles and Aims of the Parents' National Educational Union," Miss Kitching's Paper on "The History of the Parents' National Educational Union," and other literature.

special circle or congregation. The London Secretary will be willing to post notices to any names sent to her, in those instances where an official invitation is thought desirable.

The following will be found a convenient form of invitation:—"Your presence is invited at a (Drawing-room) Meeting to be held at (*name of house*) on (*date and hour*) by kind permission of \_\_\_\_\_ to consider the advisability of forming a Branch of the "Parents' National Educational Union" at (*name of town or district*) when \_\_\_\_\_ will explain the objects of the Union. Tea and coffee at \_\_\_\_\_. R.S.V.P. to \_\_\_\_\_. "

Specimen Reviews, Leaflets, Reports, etc., should be placed on the chairs, and books, catalogues of library, and pamphlets be on sale at the door.

IV.—When the objects of the Union have been placed before the meeting, an informal discussion should follow, after which a vote should be taken as to the desirability of forming the Branch. If this obtain a majority, names of intending members should be taken.

V.—If the decision of the Meeting is in favour of the project, someone should propose the names of members of the Committee and of the various officers, which should be seconded and put to the meeting, after votes of thanks. The Chairman should finally give notice of a separate business meeting for the arrangement of programme, etc., to be held, if possible, at the end of the meeting; and if not, then as soon

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after as practicable. All willing to join in the Union must be cordially invited.

VI.—The following should be the Agenda for the second Meeting, at which the Organising Lecturer should, if possible, be present :

- (a.) Suggestions for work, monthly lectures, courses of lectures, reading circles, etc., etc.
- (b.) Explanation in detail of the various agencies in connection with the Union, and duties of Secretary and Committee.

VII.—An account should be sent to the local newspapers of the formation of the Branch of The Parents' National Educational Union at with the names of its officers, and inviting the co-operation and support of any interested in child-training and education.

#### FINANCE.

Each Local Branch shall pay an annual capitation fee to the Council. This annual fee shall be one shilling per subscription for Branches within the London Postal District, and sixpence per subscription for Country Branches. In addition to the annual capitation fees, each newly established Local Branch shall pay an affiliation fee of one guinea to the Council.

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#### SPECIAL NOTICE.

Each Secretary must send a report of the Meetings and Classes, &c., to the Secretary, 28, Victoria Street, S.W., before the 15th of each month, for publication in the *Parents' Review*.

Thirty copies of any programmes or circulars must be also forwarded to Victoria Street.

Specimen Reviews and circulars of the different agencies should be laid on the chairs at Meetings, and at each Meeting new members should be asked to join.



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## Parents' National Educational Union.

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## RULES AND PRINCIPLES

OF THE

## Parents' National Educational Union.

1.—This Society shall be called "The Parents' National Educational Union."

2.—The Central Principles, to which all Local Branches joining the Society shall pledge themselves, shall be :—

- (1) That a religious basis of work be maintained.
- (2) That the series of addresses and other means employed by the Union shall be so arranged as to deal with Education under the following heads :—Physical, Mental, Moral, and Religious.
- (3) That arrangements concerning Lectures, &c., be made with a view to the convenience of fathers as well as of mothers.
- (4) That the work of the Union be arranged so as to help parents of all classes.

3.—That the objects of the Society shall be :—

- (1) To assist parents of all classes to understand the best principles and methods of Education in all its aspects, and especially in those which concern the formation of habits and character.
- (2) To create a better public opinion on the subject of the training of children, and, with this object in view, to collect and make known the best information and experience on the subject.
- (3) To afford to parents opportunities for Co-operation and Consultation, so that the wisdom and experience of each may be made profitable for all.
- (4) To stimulate their enthusiasm through the sympathy of numbers acting together.
- (5) To secure greater unity and continuity of Education by harmonising home and school training.

## CONSTITUTION.

4.—The Society shall consist of Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Ordinary Members, a Central Council and Executive Committee, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, and Local Branches.

5.—The following persons shall be Presidents, Vice-Presidents, and Members of Council :—with power to add to their number. (See list on Pages 2 and 3.)

6.—The following shall be the Officers of the Society :—

Dr. A. T. SCHOFIELD, *Chairman of the Executive Committee.*  
 A. C. P. COOTE, Esq., *Vice-Chairman.*  
 JAMES GORDON, Esq., Bradford Old Bank, Bradford, *Treasurer.*  
 MISS MASON, *Hon. Secretary,*  
 HENRY PERRIN, Esq., *Hon. Organizing Secretary in London.*

7.—The Bankers of the Union shall be the Bradford Old Bank, Limited, Bradford, and Subscriptions shall be made payable at that Bank, or any of its Branches, or at Lloyds Bank, Limited, London, 72, Lombard Street, E.C., and 54, St. James Street, S.W., or any of its Branches.

8.—The Executive Committee shall be empowered to add to the number of Vice-Presidents and of Members of the Central Council. The Executive Committee shall be elected by the Council annually, but the members shall be eligible for re-election. Three Members of the Executive Council shall form a *quorum*.

9.—The Central Council, of which the Presidents, Vice-Presidents, and the Executive Committee shall be members, shall meet once a year to receive reports of work done and progress made in the past year, and to advise as to new departures, &c.

10.—The Executive Committee shall meet quarterly, or more often if summoned on urgent business connected with the Society, and shall make any needful bye-laws.

11.—One member of each Local Branch shall represent it at the meeting of the Central Council as an *ex-officio* member.

12.—Branches of the Society shall be free to organise themselves and make their own local bye-laws, a copy of which shall be sent up to the Executive Committee of the Central Council.

13.—The Secretaries of Branches shall prepare and send to the General Secretary, previous to the meeting of the Central Council, a report of work done in the Branch during the year.

#### FINANCE.

14.—Not less than five shillings a year, to cover both heads of a household, shall be the subscription of Members of Branches. Members subscribing not less than ten shillings per annum shall be entitled to receive monthly a copy of "The Parents' Review" (published at 6d.)

15.—Ten shillings a year shall be the subscription of Members of the Central Council.

16.—The annual fee of one guinea shall be paid by each Local Branch to the general Treasurer of the Society.

17.—Subscriptions and fees shall fall due on the 1st of January of each year, and shall be sent in to the Treasurer. In the case of Local Branches, subscriptions shall be paid to the Local Treasurer on January 1st, or at the next meeting following the date when they fall due.

18.—Subscriptions to the Central Fund are invited. Such subscriptions should be paid in to the Treasurer, or to one of the banks above named.